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- I. UTILITY STATED 18 JANUARY THAT IN MEETINGS JUST HELD WITH WESSEL AND CARSTENS ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR WESSEL TO REPORT FOR OVERLAP PERIOD 1-30 APRIL. UTILITY WILL OFFICIALLY RETIRE AS OF CLOSE OF BUSINESS 30 APRIL AND WESSEL'S ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND WILL TAKE PLACE ON 1 MAY.
- 2. UTILITY STATED ALSO THAT SPD STILL FIGHTING
  BUT HAS NOW ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE FOR JOB OF VICE PRESIDENT.
  THEY STILL TRYING TO FOSTER NOLLAU, BUT UTILITY REITERATED THAT KIESINGER HAS DROPPED NOLLAU FROM ALL CONSIDERATION.

3. FINALLY, CONFIRMING ALIAS WENDT'S DECLARATION (MUNICH 1956), UTILITY CONVEYED WENDT'S INTENTION OF RESIDENCE SHOULD HE BE PASSED OVER FOR THE VICE

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LOSS OF WENDT AT A CRUCIAL PERIOD WHEN HE PROBABLY COULD BE OF HIS GREATEST USE TO CATUSK. UTILITY HAS REITERATED

WESSEL'S ENDORSEMENT OF WENDT AS HIS DEPUTY. IN ANY EVENT, WESSEL SET A CONDITION TO HIS APPOINTMENT REQURING HIS FULL CONCURRENCE IN THE SELECTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT.

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CS COMMENT: \*Reports that Chancellor Kiesinger has appointed Wessel to succeed UTILITY (1) effective 1 May 1968.